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SUBJECT: PRG INVITATION TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF WAR

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1. ON FEBRUARY 20 CHARGE OUTLINED RATIONALE FOR US OPPOSITION TO INVITATION TO PRG TO GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF WAR TO ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS DUCCI, AND ASKED FOR ITALIAN SUPPORT ON URGENT BASIS. DUCCI EXPLAINED ITALIAN POSITION AS FOLLOWS: ITALIANS OPPOSED CATEGORICALLY INVITATIONS TO CONFERENCE FOR PRG, GUINEA/BISSAU AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS STATES PARTIES; HOWEVER, ITALIANS WOULD FIND IT "DIFFICULT" TO OPPOSE SOME SORT OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR PRG AND OTHER GROUPS. DUCCI SAID THAT SHOULD OBSERVER STATUS BE PROPOSED AND IF ISSUE WERE PRESSED TO VOTE, ITALIANS WOULD MOST LIKELY ABSTAIN. IN ANY CASE, ACCORDING DUCCI, ITALIANS WILL BE INFLUENCED BY CONSENSUS WHICH DEVELOPS AMONG WEOS.

2. WE MADE PARALLEL APPROACH ON SUBJECT TO VALENZA, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS. VALENZA REPEATED THAT ITALIANS
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UNEQUIVOCALLY OPPOSE INVITATION OF PRG TO CONFERENCE AS STATE

PARTY, BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXCLUDE PRG ALTOGETHER IN LIGHT OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE AGREEMENT FOR ATTENDANCE OF AFRICAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS OBSERVERS. HE ASKED HOW PRG COULD BE DIFFERENTIATED IN THIS SENSE FROM AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. WE STATED THAT OUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE FIRM, AND THAT US WOULD OPPOSE ANY INVITATION OF PRG TO ATTEND IN ANY STATUS, AND WE SOUGHT ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR THIS US POSITION.

3. VALENZA MENTIONED THAT CANADIANS HAD COME UP WITH "COMPROMISE" PROPOSAL, AND FROM CONVERSATION WE DEDUCED THAT CANADIAN COMPROMISE POINTED TOWARD SOME SORT OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR PRG. (WE HAVE NO RPT NO OTHER INFORMATION ON REPORTED CANADIAN COMPROMISE PROPOSAL.) VALENZA SAID ITALIAN VIEWS ARE CLOSE TO CANADIAN PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH ITALIANS WILLING TO GIVE LESS TO PRG THAN CANADIANS ARE APPARENTLY SUGGESTING.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, VALENZA STATED THAT ITALIAN POSITION WOULD CONFORM WITH WEOS CONSENSUS. HE STATED THAT ITALIANS HAD ALSO INSTRUCTED THEIR DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO SUGGEST AN EC CAUCUS ON SUBJECT. ACCORDING VALENZA, HE HIMSELF WILL TRAVEL TO GENEVA ON MORNING OF FEBRUARY 21 TO JOIN THE ITALIAN DELEGATION, AND HE ASKED THAT US DEL CONTACT HIM FOR LATEST READING ON ITALIAN VIEWS. BEAUDRY

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